

**Monthly Status Report
W. R. Grace Superfund Site
Acton, Massachusetts
March 7, 2003**

W. R. Grace (Grace) is conducting the Phase 2 Remedial Investigation at the above referenced site. This Monthly Status Report is being transmitted to keep the government parties advised of the progress and schedule of the RI activities. This report summarizes the activities completed in the past month, provides a schedule of activities planned for the coming month and describes any problems encountered. The exact date of scheduled activities may change due to resource availability and/or weather. Those interested in being kept advised of schedule changes of a particular activity are requested to contact the person listed for that activity.

Deliverables/Meeting

Written responses to comments on the Draft RI Report are currently being prepared. Additional comments from the EPA on the groundwater flow model were received on January 29, 2003. Written responses to all the comments will be submitted to the Government Parties at the end of March.

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Groundwater Sampling/Water Level Monitoring

The Annual Monitoring Report summarizing the data will be submitted to the government parties in March 2003.

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Feasibility Study

We are preparing the Groundwater Treatability and Pilot Test Evaluation Report, which is scheduled to be submitted to the Government Parties on April 29, 2003.

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Ecological Risk Assessment

No ecological sampling occurred in January 2003 or is scheduled for February 2003. The next Sinking Pond surface water sampling round is tentatively scheduled for March 2003.

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Public Health Risk Assessment

In a December 18, 2002 letter to the Government Parties, we proposed to collect additional sediment samples to support the public health risk assessment. These samples will be collected after the government parties approve the proposed scope of work and at a time when the ground is not frozen. The results of this sediment sampling will be included in the Phase 2 RI Data Report. In order to maintain the current schedule, the sampling will need to be conducted by the end of March 2003.

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